

I am deeply disturbed to find out that a broadcasting corporation is blatantly showing partisanship to influence the election by broadcasting an anti-Kerry "documentary" shortly before the election.

I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air this documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. That is why I testified on videotape against media consolidation over a year ago.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is therefore obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what sells and less of what we need for strengthening and preserving our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.